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1. DURING 6 MAY MEETING AT SCST, YATROV NOTED THAT
MEMORANDUM OF DECEMBER MEETING CALLED FOR MEETING IN THIRD
QUARTER OF 1978 IN USSR. SOVIETS PROPOSE THAT THIS MEETING
FOLLOW DECEMBER'S EXAMPLE AND INCLUDE THREE CONSECUTIVE
SEMINARS, ON THE TOPICS AGREED FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN THE
MEMORANDUM (RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ENERGY GROWTH AND ECONOMIC
GROWTH, METHODOLOGY FOR DETERMINING PROBABLE RESERVES OF
OIL AND GAS, AND OPTIMAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS FOR THE DE-
LIVERY OF FUEL TO DEMAND CENTERS).

2. YATROV FURTHER STATED THAT SOVIETS WOULD BE MOST PLEASED
TO ADD FOURTH SEMINAR ON ENERGY CONSERVATION, A TOPIC WHICH
THE U.S. HAD JUST AGREED TO ADD TO THE SCOPE OF THE COOPERA-
TION (REF A AND SEPTTEL). YATROV REPEATEDLY STRESSED THAT
WHILE DECEMBER'S CONSERVATION WAS ON METHODOLOGY, THIS
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YEAR'S WOULD BE ON SUBSTANCE OF NATIONAL CONSERVATION PRO-
GRAMS, WHICH, YATROV NOTED, HAVE TAKEN ON INCREASED
IMPORTANCE.

3. YATROV ALSO SUGGESTED THAT UPCOMING MEETING BE USED FOR
DISCUSSION BY THE SOVIET AND AMERICAN DELEGATIONS OF WAYS
TO ACTIVATE COOPERATION SOLID FUEL UTILIZATION, WHICH HAS

ALSO JUST BEEN AGREED AS A NEW TOPIC (REF A AND SEPTTEL).
LATER IN THE MEETING YATROV VOLUNTEERED TO ADD SEMINAR ON
SOLID FUEL UTILIZATION TO SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETING IF
U.S. SIDE DESIRES, BUT THIS SUGGESTION MAY HAVE BEEN MORE
POLITICAL THAN SINCERE (SEE COMMENT).

4. YATROV URGED THAT "PRELIMINARY" REPORTS BE EXCHANGED
BEFORE MEETING, AND STATED THAT SOVIET REPORTS ON THREE
THEMES LISTED IN DECEMBER MEMORANDUM COULD BE READY FOR
JUNE. HE WAS LESS SPECIFIC ON TIMING OF READINESS OF
SOVIET CONSERVATION REPORT, BUT IMPLIED THAT IT COULD BE
READY IN JULY. YATROV CITED WITH PLEASURE THE DECEMBER
MEMORANDUM'S NOTATION THAT THE SOVIET AND AMERICAN PAPERS
WERE OF HIGH TECHNICAL CONTENT AND USEFUL TO BOTH SIDES,
AND PROMISED THAT THIS YEAR'S SOVIET REPORTS WOULD BE
"EVEN BETTER," WITH MORE OF THE DETAILS AND DATA "THAT ARE
APPRECIATED BY THE AMERICANS." YATROV ASKED "ONLY THAT THE
U.S. PAPERS MAINTAIN THEIR HIGH QUALITY."

5. OBSERVING THAT SOVIETS WANTED TO WELCOME USDEL WHILE
WEATHER WAS STILL WARM, YATROV SUGGESTED AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER
FOR TIMING OF MEETING. (YATROV APPARENTLY FAVORS
AUGUST, BUT AYKAZYAN, WHO WAS PRESENT AT MEETING, SUGGESTED
THAT SEPTEMBER MIGHT BE BETTER, GIVEN U.S. VACATION
SCHEDULES).

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6. COMMENT. SEPTTEL REPORTS YATROV COMMENTS ON STATUS OF
SOVIET RESPONSE TO U.S. PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER COOPERATION
IN ENERGY INFORMATION AND FORECASTING (REFS). EMBASSY HAD
REPEATEDLY REQUESTED MEETING WITH YATROV OR REPRESENTATIVE
OF MINPOWER IN ORDER TO DELIVER U.S. RESPONSE AND OBTAIN
SOVIET RESPONSE, BUT YATROV USED FIRST PART OF MEETING TO
DISCUSS PLANS FOR UPCOMING SEMINARS. IN THE DISCUSSION OF
THE SEMINARS, YATROV WAS AS FORTHCOMING AND POSITIVE AS
POSSIBLE, APPARENTLY KNOWING THAT THE LACK OF FORTHCOMING
SOVIET RESPONSE TO SOVIET PROPOSALS WAS NOT GOING TO BE
RECEIVED VERY WELL. TOON

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